

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1, 2 and 4 and ADD new claim 5 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer implemented method, comprising:
collecting events from a plurality of service systems using a computer;
rating and pricing the events; and
producing a consolidated bill for a customer subscribing to a plurality of services.
2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A The method as recited in claim 1, further
comprising providing an integrated view of ~~the~~ customer data, billing data, product data and
services with respect to the customer.
3. (WITHDRAWN) A computer readable storage for controlling a computer via a
process of collecting events from a plurality of service systems, rating and pricing the events;
and producing a consolidated bill for a customer subscribing to a plurality of services.
4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer implemented method, comprising:
providing a collection of convergent products providing distinct and independent
services, each having different event collection and service systems;
collecting events from a plurality of said service systems providing a collection of
heterogeneous usage events using a computer;
converting said events into a common formatted usage event;
rating, pricing, discounting, summarizing and billing said usage events based on said
event collection system including cross discounting across the converged products; and
producing a consolidated bill for a customer subscribing to said convergent products.
5. (NEW) A method of billing for services across a plurality of service providing
systems having different network components, comprising:

assembling billable events across each of the plurality of service providing systems into a single database, the billable events having multiple pricing structures; and

converging the collected billable events into a single bill by applying a single common processing to each of the collected billable events.